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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE CONTINUES

SUMMARY: VIOLENCE IN MAJOR PROPORTIONS RESULTING
IN MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED KILLED AND WOUNDED SWEEPED NICARAGUA THE
EVENING OF 9 SEPT AND THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE FSLN ATTACKS
WHICH ALREADY HAVE EARMARKS OF A NATIONAL INSURRECTION OCCURRED
PRIMARILY IN THE FIVE MAJOR CITIES OF MANAGUA, LEON, MASAYA,
CHINANDEGA AND ESTELI. CURRENT SITUATION IN MANAGUA AND
LEON IS CALM AND UNDER CONTROL. GN OPERATIONS TO RETAKE
THOSE SECTIONS OF CITIES STILL HELD BY FSLN IN OTHER THREE
CITIES ARE PLANNED FOR TOMORROW. END SUMMARY.

1. MANAGUA. THE FSLN ATTACKED POLICE OUTPOST IN EARLY
EVENING (1800 HRS) OF 9 SEPT IN CAPITAL CITY SUBURBS OF
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LAS AMERICAS, OPEN 3, SAN JUDAS, RENE SCHICK, COLONIAL
CENTRAL AMERICA AND ON THE SOUTH HIGHWAY. GON REPORTS
16 KILLED AND 50 WOUNDED IN MANAGUA. SITUATION IS CURRENTLY
UNDER CONTROL IN CAPITAL BUT MORE INCIDENTS ARE EXPECTED THIS EVENING.

2. LEON. FSLN TERRORISTS AND YOUNG SYMPATHIZERS WENT
INTO STREETS, ERECTED BARRICADES, BROKE INTO HOMES

LOOKING FOR ARMS, ETC. TWO COMPANIES OF GN WERE HELICOPTERED INTO AREA AND FOUGHT A PITCHED BATTLE TO RETAKE AREAS SEIZED BY TERRORISTS. HIGHLY PLACED SOURCES IN GN STATE THAT CITY HAS BEEN RETAKEN ALTHOUGH CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES WERE HIGH.

3. MASAYA. INSURRECTION IN THAT CITY CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING OVER PORTIONS OF CITY. SUBSTANTIAL FIRES WERE REPORTED IN DOWNTOWN AREA DESTROYING PART OF CENTRAL MARKET. AIRCRAFT WITH LOUDSPEAKERS FLEW OVERHEAD TODAY TELLING PEOPLE TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOUSES. REPORTEDLY, THERE IS PANIC AMONG POPULATION WHICH IS EXPECTING GN OPERATIONS TO CLEAN UP AREA.

4. CHINANDEGA. CITY IS BASICALLY UNDER A STATE OF SEIGE. SEVERAL SECTORS OF CITY HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY FSLN AND ARE STILL UNDER THEIR CONTROL. ACCORDING TO TELECON WITH RELIABLE AMCIT SOURCE, FOUR U.S. CITIZENS ARE CAUGHT INSIDE CITY AND ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE AS ALL EXITS ARE BLOCKED. IN OUTSKIRTS OF CITY ARE 8 AMCITS AND 8 OTHER FOREIGNERS WHO ARE LIKEWISE TRAPPED. UNITED BRAND COMPANY IS ATTEMPTING TO CHARTER A PLANE AND FLY THEM TO MANAGUA. IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO SECURE AN AIRCRAFT THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO CORINTO FOR EVACUATION BY MERCHANT VESSEL.

5. ESTELI. INSURRECTION PATTERN SIMILAR TO THAT TAKING
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PLACE IN OTHER CITIES. COMBAT OPERATIONS BY GN TO CLEAR OUT TERRORISTS PLANNED FOR TOMORROW (SEPT 11).

6. COMMENT: THIS LATEST SERIES OF VIOLENCE POINTS OUT FACT THAT FSLN CAPABILITIES SINCE THEIR ASSAULTS OF OCT 1977 HAVE MUSHROOMED CONSIDERABLY. THEY HAVE RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FROM CERTAIN SECTORS OF POPULATION, I.E., STUDENTS. THE MONIMBO AND MATAGALPA PATTERN HAS BEEN REPEATED AGAIN. INSURRECTION APPEARS TO BE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT GN

HAS DIFFICULTY IN REGAINING IMMEDIATE CONTROL.
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